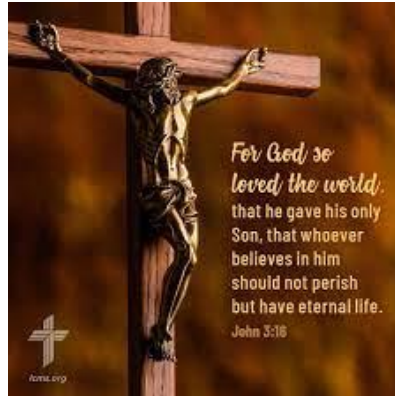


**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

8:30 am  
July 21, 2024

**God Is Love****AS WE GATHER**

"God Is Love" is richly illustrated in today's readings. In Numbers 21, God's love is shown through His provision of a bronze serpent to serve as a remedy for the Israelite's sin. This act demonstrates God's enduring love and mercy as He provides a way for His people to be healed & saved despite their disobedience. In Romans 5, Paul highlights the ultimate expression of God's love: Christ's sacrificial death for sinners. This passage underscores the depth and unmerited nature of God's love, which is poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, assuring us of our reconciliation with God. And John 3 encapsulates the core of the Gospel message, illustrating God's profound love through the sending of His Son. This passage emphasizes that God's love is universal, sacrificial, and redemptive, offering eternal life to all who believe.

**SPECIAL GUEST**

Today we have the privilege of welcoming guest preacher, Pastor Farrukh Khan of POBLO, People of the Book Lutheran Outreach. He represents a ministry which has, at its heart, a desire to share Christ the Savior with those of Muslim background, culture and religion.

**WELCOME** – Pastor Jim Frusti

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

## 537 Beautiful Savior



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd  
 flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is  
 spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines  
 God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.  
 pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

### INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

### OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 40:11, 16; 145:1-4*

Pastor: I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever.

**People: Every day I will bless You and praise Your name forever and ever.**

Pastor: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.

**People: One generation shall commend Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts.**

Pastor: As for You, O Lord, You will not restrain Your mercy from me; Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness will ever preserve me!

**People: But may all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; may those who love Your salvation say continually, "Great is the Lord!"**

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and ask His gracious forgiveness.

**People: We humbly confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and before one another, that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have not always put God first. We have used His holy name in ways that do not honor Him. We have not always been thoughtful caretakers of His creation and have not shared His bounty with others at all times. We have been heedless in word and deed and have not always kept our thoughts, words, and deeds pure and honorable. We strayed from His paths of righteousness and have sinned in ways we know and in ways we do not even recognize. We have wished for that which is not rightfully ours and have not put the best construction on all things and on all people. We pray God to have mercy on us, to forgive us all our sins, and to bring us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

**KYRIE**

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace from above, for every daily blessing, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Compassionate Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the healing, housing, feeding, and saving ministry of the Church of God in all the earth, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Strengthening Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here themselves and all that they are and have in worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: All-embracing Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**People: Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray. God of compassion, when You saw that we were like sheep without a shepherd, You sent Your Son, Jesus, to shepherd us. Keep alive in us Your spirit of compassion for the world, until all people come to know Your Shepherd's care; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**      *Numbers 21:4-9***The Bronze Serpent**

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. <sup>7</sup>And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So, Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

Reader:      This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:      Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE *Romans 5:5-11***

<sup>5</sup>And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Reader:      This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:      Thanks be to God.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL *John 3:14-21***

<sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

### **For God So Loved the World**

<sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup> Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup> And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. <sup>20</sup> For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **THE APOSTLES CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**



## 809 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;

There is no shadow of turning with Thee.

Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;

As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be. Refrain

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,

Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above

Join with all nature in manifold witness

To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain

ref Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,

Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,

Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain

**MESSAGE** – Pastor Farrukh Khan

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**Pastor:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. For all families and family relationships, especially those that are strained by division, that God would break down the dividing walls of hostility and reconcile people to one another, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the nations of the world, that there be peace among all people, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For all immigrants and refugees, that they be welcomed to their new homes and not treated with hatred and hostility, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For all pastors who shepherd their congregations, that they not scatter their flock, but serve faithfully under our Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For those who are sick and recovering, [*especially . . .*], that they rely on the peace of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your promises.

**People: Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## **OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS**

If you brought your offering today, you are welcome to leave it in the offering box you will find at the back of the church. **Thank you.**



**We invite our guests and members to fill out our Friendship Card** during worship, which is found on the back of the pew. Please leave your card at the end of the pew near the center aisle as you leave.

## OFFERING BACK

Pastor: God has given us many gifts.

**People: He has given us clothing and shoes, house and home, food and drink, money and possessions.**

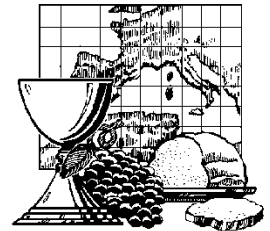
Pastor: He richly and daily provides us with all that we need to support this body and life.

**People: With thanksgiving, we offer back to Him the first-fruits of His good gifts.**

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Please see our communion policy stated on the inside front cover.



### PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: And also with you.**

### THE DISTRIBUTION

Please see our communion policy stated on the inside front cover.

COMMUNION WINE: For those who may not be able to take regular wine, we offer non-alcoholic wine, which is the light colored wine in the center of the communion tray.

++ We offer **Gluten-free** wafers upon request. ++

## 617 O Lord, We Praise Thee



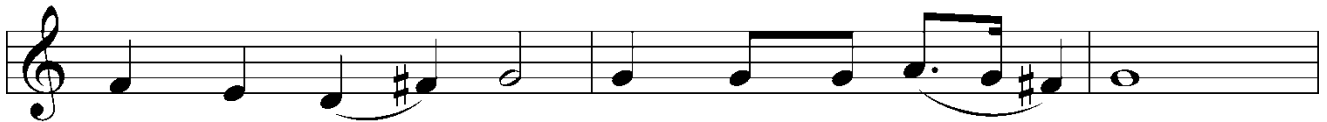
1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,  
 2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,  
 3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy  
 Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er  
 That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that  
 love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -  
 geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



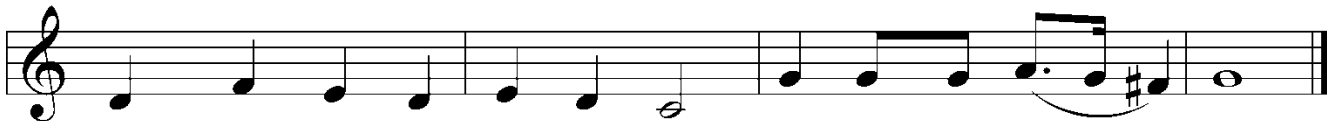
they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our  
 Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy  
 Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead  
 blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;  
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

## 636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, Leave the  
 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet Him, And with  
 3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure Nei - ther



gloom-y haunts of sad - ness, Come in - to the day-light's  
 lov - ing rev - 'rence greet Him. For with words of life im -  
 cost nor pain will mea - sure; But the price-less gifts of



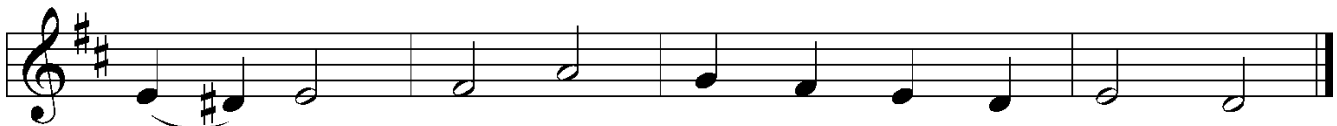
splen - dor, There with joy your prais - es ren - der.  
 mor - tal He is knock - ing at your por - tal.  
 heav - en God to us has free - ly giv - en.



Bless the One whose grace un-bound - ed This a - maz - ing  
 O - pen wide the gates be - fore Him, Say - ing, as you  
 Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered, None could buy the



ban - quet found - ed; He, though heav'n - ly, high, and  
 there a - dore Him: Grant, Lord, that I now re -  
 gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you



ho - ly, Deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.  
 ceive You, That I nev - er - more will leave You.  
 riv - en, And His blood, for you once giv - en.

**744 Amazing Grace**

- 1 Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
Was blind but now I see!
- 2 The Lord has promised good to me,  
His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
His grace has brought me safe thus  
far,  
His grace will lead me home.
- 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail  
And mortal life shall cease,  
Amazing grace shall then prevail  
In heaven's joy and peace.
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

Pastor: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

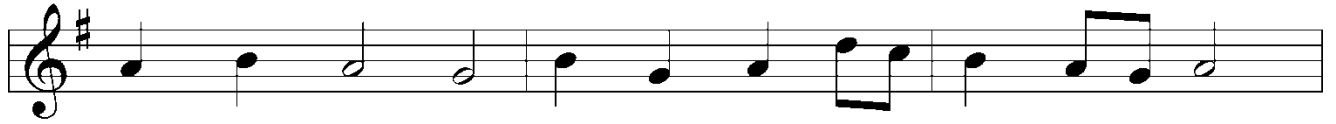
**People: Amen.**

**THE INVITATIONS**

## 904 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word



3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light of Light, from  
4 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Lord, Praise to You and



God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;  
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we may trust Your Word,



Help us by Your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry Your  
Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -



Church now rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.  
low must wan - der, Till we sing Your prais - es yon - der.



**Need some PRAYER?** Anyone who desires special private prayer with a pastor or a Stephen Minister may do so by coming forward after service to one of the front pews.

**Our Vision** — a place to come for comfort, support, answers, opportunities to serve, and to strengthen a salvation relationship with Jesus



## WHERE WE SERVE

<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Pastor Farrukh Khan</i>
<i>Officiant</i>	<i>Pastor Jim Frusti</i>
<i>Music Director</i>	<i>Paul Ventimiglia</i>
<i>Family Life Director</i>	<i>Jeanette Koch</i>
<i>Elder</i>	<i>Dennis Verseman</i>
<i>Welcome Center</i>	<i>Kara Patterson</i>
<i>Counters</i>	<i>Melissa Raikes</i> <i>Kathy Verseman</i> <i>Dennis Verseman</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>John Nordbeck</i> <i>Barry Helmick</i> <i>Carole Crete</i> <i>Paul Kemp</i>
<i>Acolyte</i>	<i>James Yount</i>
<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Kemnitz Family</i>
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	<i>OPEN</i>
<i>Altar Society</i>	<i>Karen Frusti</i> <i>Sue Poole</i> <i>Christine Lewis</i>
<i>Tech Team</i>	<i>Patrick Baker</i>
<i>Reader</i>	<i>Mark Ernst</i>

# News & Notes

## **Bible Study and Small Group Opportunities**

**SUNDAYS:** Join us for bible study and fellowship @ 9:45am in the church Parish Hall.

**SATURDAYS:** Men's Bible Study – Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday @ 9:00am – Parish Hall

**MONDAYS:** Adult Bible Study- 6 Heros of the Bible- 6:30pm- School Gym

Attendance Last week: 7.14.2024 – Attendance - 8:30am - 100 + 11:00am – 58 = 158  
Communion - 79

Donations needed each week for Church and School – \$9,808,

Received week of 7.7.2024- for Church (Envelopes plus loose plate)- \$9055.10 -total includes online giving  
School - \$1,194.50

### Remember Our Shut-Ins

Christina Rohn  
Waltonwood #240  
27475 Huron Circle  
Novi, MI 48377

### *Altar Flowers*



*Two vases to the Glory of God.*

*Please arrange to pick up your flowers after the 11 am service*

21	JUL, SUN	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship w/ Communion
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Sunday School & Youth Bible Study
		● 11am – 12pm	Worship w/ Communion
		● 7 – 9pm	Adult pick up basketball school gym
22	JUL, MON	● 3:45 – 5:15pm	School Early Childhood Meeting
		● 6:30 – 8pm	Summer Bible Study
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Council Mtg PH Parish Hall
23	JUL, TUE	● 7 – 8pm	Stephen Ministry Meeting - Parish Hall
26	JUL, FRI	● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall



Please mark your calendar for Rally Day on September 8, 2024. There will be one service at 10 am. We are excited to share the service will be at Maybury State Park in Northville and followed by a potluck picnic. There will be games and a guided nature hike following the service. More details will follow but please hold the date for a special Sunday service with friends and family.

Announcement :

The Summer Sunday School of Music had a great last week. The Huggins were back and we had students continuing to work on the piano, bass guitar, and, of course, drums!! We also had our singers. We hope to see everyone back this week in Room 5 at 9:45am.

A part time preschool aide is needed for our school beginning August 20, 2024. We have a part time position for someone who likes working with preschool aged children. The job is 8-10 hours a week. If you or someone you know might be interested please contact Melissa Towner for more information at [mtowner@stpaulnorthville.org](mailto:mtowner@stpaulnorthville.org)

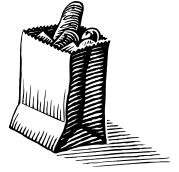
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**STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE NOT...**

- ...professional counselors or psychologists**
- ...ordained ministers**
- ...equipped to provide a lot of physical services such as babysitting, preparing meals**
- ...experts in law, finance, medical, etc.**



The Great Grocery Bag Event  
St. Paul Lutheran Church of Northville



When: **Month of July**  
Why: **To assist those in need through food donations for Northville Civic Concern**  
How: **Check the list below. Shop and purchase any amount of food. (Even one item is greatly appreciated!) Return the groceries to the church hallway in the labelled boxes.**

Non- Perishable Food Item(s)

Canned Fruit\*\*  
Fruit Juices  
Canned Vegetables  
Canned Soups (not broth)\*  
Tuna and Canned Meats\*  
Spaghetti Sauce  
Pasta/Rice  
Kraft Macaroni and Cheese\*  
Canned Macaroni (Chef Boy-Ar-Dee, etc.)  
Cereal, hot or cold  
Peanut Butter\*  
Jelly/Jam\*

Cleaning Products:

Laundry Soap (100oz. or less)\*  
Dish Detergent (hand washing)\*

Misc.:

Crackers\*  
Cookies\*

Paper Products

Paper Towels\*  
Facial Tissues  
Toilet Paper\*

Hygiene Products:

Bar Soap  
Shampoo  
Toothpaste

**\*items always needed \*\*always in shortest supply**

**PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL DATES ON FOODS ARE CURRENT**

*Thank you for your generous support*

# WALK FOR LIFE 2024

## ESTEEM LIFE!

### LOCATION DETROIT ZOO

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

**RAIN OR SHINE!**

Benefiting 3 Pregnancy Centers



Register to walk at [WalkforLifeDetroit.com](http://WalkforLifeDetroit.com) OR SCAN HERE

